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## EIGHTY-TWO AREAS SELECTED BY INTERIOR FOR WILDERNESS STUDY

Eighty-two roadless areas on 67 National Wildlife Refuges have been selected by the Department of the Interior as qualifying for study and possible inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System, the Department announced today.

The areas, managed by Interior's Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, vary from two 3-acre islands off the coast of Maine to the 8,900,000-acre Arctic National Wildlife Range in Alaska. The are found in 23 States and Johnston Island in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands and total 20,438,379 acres.

The Wilderness Act of 1964 and subsequent regulations of the Department authorized Bureau review of every roadless expanse of 5,000 acres or more and every roadless island. Such areas must be reasonably compact, underdeveloped, possess the general characteristics of wilderness, and have no improved roads suitable for public travel by conventional automobiles. The reviews must be completed within 10 years after September 3, 1964, with study and review of one-third the areas to be completed by September 3, 1967. Thirty-five tracts on 29 of the refuges are being studied during the initial 3-year period. This represents an adjustment from the list announced in March.

Preliminary findings resulting from studies of qualifying areas will be followed by public hearings to be announced 60 days in advance. Interested persons are invited to attend these hearings or to submit written comments regarding a specific area.

When reviews are complete, the Secretary of the Interior will make his recommendations to the President as to the suitability or unsuitability of each unit for preservation as wilderness. The President may then request Congressional action to incorporate the areas into the National Wilderness Preservation System.

Refuges containing expanses that qualify for study are listed in the attached tabulation. An asterisk denotes those areas on which reports are expected to be submitted to Congress by September 3, 1967.

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POSSIBLE WILDERNESS AREAS

(\* Indicates intended completion of study by September 3, 1967)

Refuge (NWR) or Range	County	Study Area	Acreage
<u>ALASKA</u>			
	Judicial Division:		
Aleutian Islands NWR	Third	Aleutian Is.	2,600,000
Arctic NW Range	Fourth	Arctic	8,900,000
*Bering Sea NWR	Second	Bering Sea	41,113
*Bogoslof NWR	Third	Bogoslof	390
Chamisso NWR	Second	Chamisso	641
Clarence Rhode NW Range	Second and Fourth	Clarence Rhode	1,870,016
*Forrester Island NWR	First	Forrester Is	2,832
Hazen Bay NWR	Second	Hazen Bay	6,800
*Hazy Islands NWR	First	Hazy Islands	42
Izembek NW Range	Third	Izembek	372,000
Kenai Nat'l Moose Range	Third	Andrew Simon	830,000
Kenai Nat'l Moose Range	Third	Moose River	140,000
Kodiak NWR	Third	Kodiak	1,815,000
Nunivak NWR	Fourth	Nunivak	1,109,000
*St. Lazaria NWR	First	St. Lazaria	65
*Semidi NWR	Third	Semidi	8,422
*Simeonof NWR	Third	Simeonof	10,442
*Tuxedni NWR	Third	Tuxedni	6,439
<u>ARIZONA</u>			
Cabeza Prieta Game Range	Pima, Yuma	Cabeza Prieta	860,000
*Havas Lake NWR	Mohave	Needles	11,261
*Kofa Game Range	Yuma	Castle Dome	228,224
*Kofa Game Range	Yuma	Kofa	140,416
<u>CALIFORNIA</u>			
Farallon NWR	Marin	Farallon	91
<u>FLORIDA</u>			
*Caloosahatchee NWR	Lee	Caloosahatchee	20
*Cedar Keys NWR	Levy	Cedar Keys	379
Great White Heron NWR	Monroe	Great White Heron	796
*Island Bay NWR	Charlotte	Island Bay	20
Key West NWR	Monroe	Key West	2,019
*Matlacha Pass NWR	Lee	Matlacha Pass	10
*Passage Key NWR	Manatee	Passage Key	36
*Pelican Island NWR	Indian River	Pelican Island	616
*Pine Island NWR	Lee	Pine Island	31
<u>GEORGIA</u>			
*Okefenokee NWR	Ware	Honey Island	91,000
Tybee NWR	Chatham	Tybee	100
Wolf Island NWR	McIntosh	Wolf Island	538

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<u>HAWAII</u>			
Hawaiian Is. NWR	Kauai	Hawaiian Is.	1,708
<u>TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS</u>			
Johnston Is. NWR	(no county)	Johnston Is.	100
<u>LOUISIANA</u>			
Breton NWR	Plaquemines	Breton	7,512
East Timbalier Is. NWR	Terrebonne	East Timbalier	337
Shell Keys NWR	Iberia	Shell Keys	8
<u>MAINE</u>			
*Moosehorn NWR	Washington	Bitch Island	3
*Moosehorn NWR	Washington	Dog Island	3
*Moosehorn NWR	Washington	Edmunds	5,200
<u>MARYLAND</u>			
Martin NWR	Somerset	Martin	4,414
<u>MASSACHUSETTS</u>			
*Monomoy NWR	Barnstable	Monomoy Is.	2,698
<u>MICHIGAN</u>			
*Huron NWR	Marquette	Huron Is.	147
*Michigan Is	Alpena & Charlevoix	Michigan Is.	12
*Seney NWR	Schoolcraft	Riverside	19,150
<u>MISSISSIPPI</u>			
Horn Is. NWR	Jackson	Horn Island	2,442
Petit Bois NWR	Jackson	Petit Bois	749
<u>MONTANA</u>			
Charles Russell NW Range	Garfield	Bone Trail	24,640
Charles Russell NW Range	Valley	Burnt Lodge	24,782
Charles Russell NW Range	Phillips	Devil Creek	8,640
<u>NEVADA</u>			
Anaho Island NWR	Washoe	Anaho Island	248
Chas. Sheldon Antelope Range	Humboldt	Big Sps. Tab.	100,000
Chas. Sheldon Antelope Range	Humboldt	Big Mountain	12,200
Chas. Sheldon Antelope Range	Washoe	Bitner Butte	18,000
Chas. Sheldon Antelope Range	Washoe	Catnip Mountain	18,000
Chas. Sheldon Antelope Range	Humboldt	Gooch Table	31,300
Chas. Sheldon Antelope Range	Humboldt	Virgin Canyon	17,500
Desert Game Range	Clark, Lincoln	Desert Bighorn	617,000

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<u>NEW JERSEY</u>			
*Great Swamp NWR	Morris	M. Hartley Dodge	2,000
<u>NEW MEXICO</u>			
Bitter Lake NWR	Chaves	Salt Creek	11,900
*Bosque del Apache NWR	Socorro	Chupadera	5,593
*Bosque del Apache NWR	Socorro	Indian Well	10,009
*Bosque del Apache NWR	Socorro	Little San Pascual	22,298
San Andres NWR	Dona Ana	San Andres	50,100
<u>OHIO</u>			
West Sister Island NWR	Lucas	West Sister Island	82
<u>OKLAHOMA</u>			
*Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge	Comanche	Charon's Gardens	5,710
<u>OREGON</u>			
Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge	Lake	Fort Warner	22,500
Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge	Lake	Poker Jim Ridge	18,500
*Malheur NWR	Harney	Harney Lake	30,117
*Malheur NWR	Harney	Malheur	48,317
*Oregon Island NWR	Curry	Oregon Island	21
*Three Arch Rocks NWR	Tillamook	Three Arch Rocks	17
<u>TEXAS</u>			
Laguna Atascosa NWR	Cameron	Arroyo Colorado	9,613
<u>UTAH</u>			
Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge	Box Elder	Bear River	39,936
<u>WASHINGTON</u>			
*Copalis NWR	Grays Harbor	Copalis	5
*Flattery Rocks NWR	Clallam	Flattery Rocks	125
*Quillayute Needles NWR	Clallam & Jefferson	Quillayute Needles	117
<u>WISCONSIN</u>			
Gravel Island NWR	Door	Gravel Island	27
Green Bay NWR	Door	Green Bay	2

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